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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: 09/788,552 ) Examiner: Beena Puri  
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For: TREATMENT OF IMMUNE )  
DISEASES )

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a telephonic communication held with the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on Friday, December 28, 2001, and prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 2-23 without prejudice or disclaimer and replace with the following new claims:

24. (New) A method for the treatment of an immune disease comprising administering an effective amount of a nucleic acid capable of expressing beta-interferon to a patient in need of such treatment.

25. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of an immune disease comprising an effective amount of a nucleic acid capable of expressing beta-interferon and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

26. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 25, wherein said immune disease is a demyelinating disease.